



# **MEMORANDUM**

*From the office of Town Administrator Peter R. Flynn*

Date: April 17, 2015

From: Peter Flynn

To: Board of Selectmen

Subject: Winter Snow Ordinance Revision

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Presently the Town of New Boston has 'Winter Parking and Snow Removal Ordinance'

Since I have started working in the Town on September of 2011, I have had at least eight or ten situations where I had to deal with parking issues in the Town Hall parking lot. These issues were centered on the right of the public to park overnight in the lot.

I would like to make it clear that overnight parking during most of the year is absolutely no problem as far as I am concerned.

However, there is an exception to my statement in that it is a severe problem during snow season whereby overnight parking is a serious hindrance to Highway Department crews from doing a thorough (or sometimes even a minimal) plowing job and/or snow removal exercise.

Recently, we had yet another incident with a tenant (or friend of) who resides in the house next to the Town Hall. It became a little contentious when the Highway plow operator directed an excessive amount of snow around a particular automobile. Overnight parking during snow storms is also an issue with employees not having enough parking spaces for their use and also the public doing business at the Town Hall and recreation office.

By not having an ordinance in place that would address this problem we really have no authority to ticket or even tow cars that have been left overnight and often times have been left unattended for several days.

By adopting an ordinance to be mandated for the period from November 1 to April 1 between 11:00PM to 7:00AM the problem would be solved.

We would have signs posted in the lot stating the conditions that would apply and therefore it would be perfectly clear to the Highway Department, Town Officials and Police Department and the general public.